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REF: USNATO 6073

1. THE DELEGATION SHARES USNATO VIEW THAT NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA) SUBCOMMITTEE ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS HAS PRODUCED A GENERALLY FINE DRAFT. THE REPORT DOES CONTAIN CERTAIN INACCURACIES (I.E. 470,000 SOVIET FORCES IN NGA). AS A WHOLE, HOWEVER, THE REPORT DOES STRESS THE COMPLEXITY OF THE NEGOTIATION, THE NEED TO AFFORD ALLIED NEGOTIATORS ADEQUATE TIME TO ACHIEVE RESULTS ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE WEST AND THAT ADOPTION OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL WOULD PUT NATO AT A MILITARY DISADVANTAGE, ALTHOUGH THIS LAST POINT COULD BE STATED MORE FLATLY.

2. WE APPRECIATE USNATO CONCERN REGARDING DISCUSSION
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IN THE NAA DRAFT REPORT OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL AND OF

ALLIED LINKAGE OFFERS. HOWEVER, THE NOVEMBER 8 EASTERN PROGRAM ALREADY IS SUFFICIENTLY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND ALLIED LINKAGE OFFERS ARE DESCRIBED IN SUFFICIENT GENERALITY TO AFFORD WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA AN ADEQUATE DEFENSE AGAINST POSSIBLE EASTERN CHARGES OF VIOLATING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. HAVING THEMSELVES RECENTLY DIVULGED THE CHARACTER AND SOME DETAILS OF THEIR FIRST STEP APPROACH, EASTERN DELEGATIONS IN VIENNA ARE IN NO POSITION SUCCESSFULLY TO ATTACK THE ALLIES FOR PRESS LEAKS.RESOR

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